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of an electrical current therethrough. Silk screened over the resistive trace pattern is an insulation layer that protects the resistive layer from abrasion and electrical shorting. The insulation layer could further be formulated to act as a thermal insulator to decrease thermal losses from the outer surface of the heater. The insulation layer is not placed over the electrical contacts. The electrical conductors are placed and rigidly affixed to the electrical contact pads by the use of a removable connector sleeve that slips over the outside diameter of the heater and over the contact pads. There is no welding, brazing or soldering of the conductors to the contact pads. Contact at this interface is maintained by the wedging action and pressure created by the connector sleeve.

Please replace the tenth paragraph on Page 9, Lines 31-32, with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 8 is a cross sectional view of the locking detent assembly; ~~assembly; and~~

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Please replace the second paragraph on Page 10, Lines 6-31 with the following amended paragraph:

REFERENCE NUMERALS USED IN THE DRAWINGS

- 8 - hot runner nozzle assembly
- 10 - preferred embodiment
- 12 - heater assembly
- 14 - nozzle body
- 16 - channel
- 18 - connector sleeve assembly
- 20 - nozzle tip
- 22 - conductor
- 24 - slot
- 26 - dielectric layer
- 28 - resistive layer

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